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Sent: Thur 10/8/2015 4:48:59 PM
Subject: RE: Complaint letter regarding environmental violations at Arizona egg operation

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I agree – AgBMP could be a federal hook. But it depends on whether the facility qualifies (meets threshold), and whether AgBMP remedies address this particular problem. The rule provides the operator a lot of flexibility. Here's some basics on AgBMP in case you want to discuss further:

∇ AgBMP implementation begins in 2016.

∇ Applicability threshold for a poultry operation is more than 25,000 egg laying hens.

∇ Operator must select one BMP from a menu of listed in each of 4 categories: 1) housing, 2) feed and waste handling/transport, 3) traffic access areas, and 4) unpaved roads.

∇ Category 2 includes feed and waste BMPs. But the operator only needs to pick one from the category – which could be a feed BMP. IN that case, rule does not require implementation of a waste BMP

∇ The waste BMPs included in Category 2 are: a) clean floors and walls, b) clean aisles/rows, c) stack separated manure solids or d) maintain moisture in manure solids.

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I don't think we can do much. This a bad land use decision and the neighbors are trying to use air quality requirements to shut down the facility, but I'm not sure there is a violation of state or county regulations. I think this facility is basically unregulated until it's brought under the Ag BMP umbrella.

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I have not had a chance to talk to Matt Salazar yet, so I don't know much from their end beyond what Joel has forwarded. Eugene tells me that this is not a title V source. So right now, I am not sure what kind of help we could provide on this.

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I'm aware of this. ADEQ is creating an Ag BMP to cover this facility and deal with the air emissions. The facility is roasting manure and has purchased a baghouse to try and control air emissions. The community claims there are federal violations, but all I get are videos that show dust with no identifying information. Are the Air Enforcement people interested in looking into whether there are actual violations?

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FYI

Sent from my iPhone

On Oct 7, 2015, at 9:35 AM, Greenberg, Ken <Greenberg.Ken@epa.gov> wrote:

We've had communications with this group and ADEQ in response to CWA complaints. Whoever works on a Clean Air Act response could check with Susanne Perkins who has kept track of the CWA complaints regarding the Hickman egg farm.

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I think we already looked at this. Maybe we need to write a letter on this.

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Please find the attached letter regarding concerns about federal environmental violations taking place at Arizona egg operations owned by Hickman Family Farms, etc.

Please have the EPA official or officials assigned to look into this case contact the undersigned as soon as possible to confirm receipt of this complaint and to set up a meeting with the organizations and citizens filing it.

EPA, Region 9's attention to this matter is appreciated.

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